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**Minutes**

**MASSACHUSETTS STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION**  
**50 MAPLE STREET, MILFORD, MA 01757**  
**May 5, 2016, 11:00AM**

**1. Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 11:31am by Chair LaTeisha Adams followed by roll call:

**Board Members Present**

LaTeisha Adams

Guy Licciardi

Joseph Krowski Jr.

Gary Litchfield

**Guests Present**

Jen Cobis, Program Coordinator

Stephen Carley, Assistant General Counsel

Kevin MacDonald, Referee

Michael Polvere, Matchmaker for Cage Titans

Chris Palmquist, ABC Website Administer

Mark Cardarelli, Representative for Remo Cardarelli

Andy Aiello, Mixed Martial Arts Professional Fighter

Joe Lazon, Mixed Martial Arts Professional Fighter

**2. Approval of Minutes from April 7, 2016**

A motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr. to approve the minutes from April 7, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Litchfield. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

**3. Approval of Suspensions from April 9, 2016**

A motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr. to approve the suspensions from April 9, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Litchfield. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

**4. Approval of Suspensions from April 16, 2016**

A motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr. to approve the suspensions from April 16, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Litchfield. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

5. Discussion to Raise Physician Fee  
Commissioner Licciardi recommended that the pay of Ringside Physicians be raised. Assistant General Counsel, Stephen Carly explained the process in requesting a raise in fee. MSAC administration will reach out to the Association of Boxing Commissions to explore industry standards regarding the pay fee for Ringside Physicians and also review the definition of a “Ringside Physicians” relative to our regulations for the purpose of doctor assignments at events. This item will reappear on the Agenda at a later date.
6. Change of Decision due to Time Keeper Error, April 9, 2016, Plymouth – Aiello Vs. Cardarelli  
Remo Cardarelli was awarded a split decision against Andy Aiello on April 9, 2016 in Plymouth at the Cage Titans show. Mark Cardarelli, representative on behalf of Remo Cardarelli was present via telephone, Andy Aiello was present. It has been confirmed that the Time Keeper, Sean Burgoyne ended the fight at the (3:43) minute mark rather than the full (5) minute.  
After discussion and reference to 523 CMR Section 14.21; a motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr. to change the decision from a split decision to a no contest, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.
7. Judge and Referee Refresher Course Date Confirmation  
The date was scheduled for the upcoming Judge and Refresher Session for Saturday, September 17, 2016 at noon in the DPS Milford location; the session will be directed by Referee Kevin MacDonald and Judge Dave Ginsberg.
8. Set Meeting for Officials to review Kickboxing Rules for June 25, 2016 show  
The board agreed that the meeting to review the Southeast Asian Kickboxing regulations will be determined once the June MSAC meeting date is decided. This meeting will follow the monthly board meeting.
9. Mixed Martial Arts Promoter Application for William Vigil  
A motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr. to approve the Promoter Application for William Vigil, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.  
A motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr. to approve Kim Sturdivant as a licensed matchmaker pending the required application is turned in, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi.
10. Mixed Martial Arts Referee Application for Adam Sawyer  
A motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr. to approve the Referee Application for Adam Sawyer and to begin shadowing, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.
11. Mixed Martial Arts Matchmaker Application for Michael DeLuca, Blockbuster MMA  
A motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr. to approve the Matchmaker Application for Michael DeLuca, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.
12. Ringside Physician Application for Eric P. Holmgren M.D.  
A motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr. to approve the Ringside Physician Application for Eric P. Holmgren M.D., seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.
13. Kickboxing Referee Application for Richard M. O’Connor  
A motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr. to approve the Referee Application for Richard M. O’Connor and to begin shadowing, seconded by Commissioner Litchfield. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

14. Mixed Martial Arts Judge Application for Donald Janes  
The Mixed Martial Arts Judge Application provided for Donald Janes was tabled until further documentation is provided.
15. Mixed Martial Arts Promoter Application for Orsat Zovko, Final Fight Championship  
A motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr. to approve the Promoter Application for Orsat Zovko, seconded by Commissioner Litchfield. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.
16. Mixed Martial Arts Matchmaker Application for Gabriel Krstanovic, Final Fight Championship  
A motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr. to approve the Matchmaker Application for Gabriel Krstanovic, seconded by Commissioner Litchfield. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.
17. Mixed Martial Arts Event Application for Final Fight Championship, June 10, 2016  
A motion was made by Commissioner Litchfield to approve the Event Application for June 10, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Krowski Jr. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.
18. Appoint Board Member to review Executive Session Minutes  
A motion was made by Commissioner Litchfield to appoint Commissioner Licciardi to act as the member of the board whom will review the Executive Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Krowski Jr. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.
19. USA Boxing New England Variance  
A motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr. to have the recently approved variance stand as status quo as decided at the April MSAC meeting to continue on through to the public hearing at which time the proposed regulations will be reviewed, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. Motion was passed (3-0), Chair Adams was not favor. The public hearing has not yet been scheduled at this time but will take place in 2016.
20. Matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting  
N/A
21. Adjourn  
This meeting adjourned at 1:06pm.

List of Documents/Exhibits used at this Meeting

Draft of Minutes, April 7, 2016  
Suspensions from Results, April 9, 2016  
Suspensions from Results, April 16, 2016  
Mixed Martial Arts Promoter Application for William Vigil  
Mixed Martial Arts Referee Application for Adam Sawyer  
Mixed Martial Arts Matchmaker Application for Michael DeLuca, Blockbuster MMA  
Ringside Physician Application for Eric P. Holmgren M.D.  
Kickboxing Referee Application for Richard M. O'Connor  
Mixed Martial Arts Judge Application for Donald Janes  
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